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Directorate of Intelligence
23 May 1967

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 1630 EDT)

1. No major developments have occurred during the day, but the situation remains extremely tense.



4. Odd Bull, Chief of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization, flew from Amman to Cairo today to confer with U Thant. Thant was scheduled to meet with Nasir shortly after his arrival this morning.

5. American Embassies in the area are making contingency plans for evacuation of dependents. Dependents in Israel are already leaving, but no compulsory evacuation has been ordered.

6. Moscow has just issued an official government statement warning that aggression will meet "resolute resistance" from the USSR and all "peace-loving states." The full text has not yet been received, but the announcement is obviously intended to give encouragement

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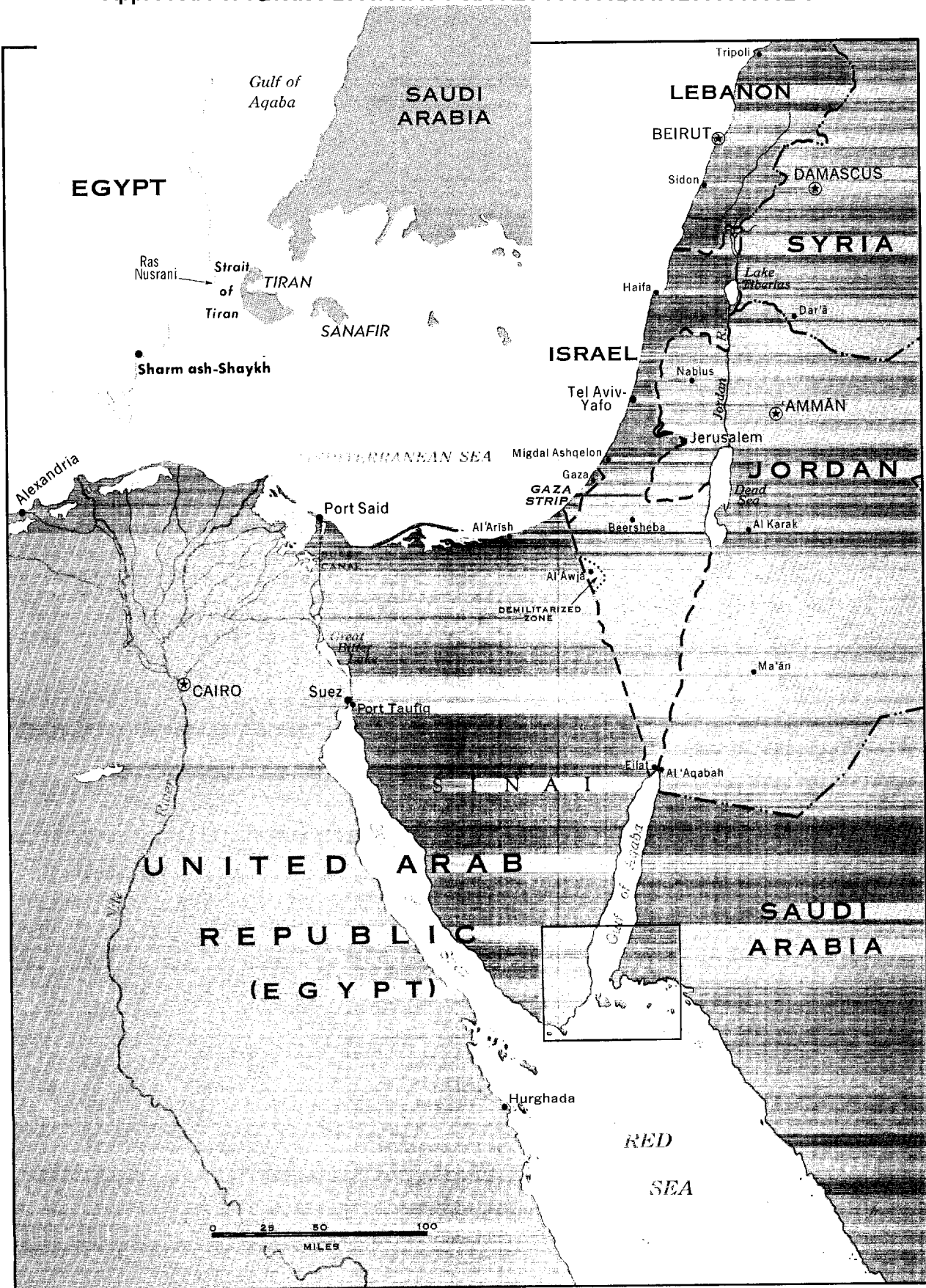
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to the Arabs without committing the USSR to a specific course of action at this time.

7. No major military developments have taken place during the day.

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Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 1200 EDT)

1. No major political developments have occurred since 0600 this morning.



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3. Prime Minister Eshkol held emergency cabinet and parliamentary meetings in Tel Aviv this morning but no official statements have been issued by the Israelis concerning the situation. The Israeli press, however, is stating that the closure of The Strait is tantamount to declaration of war on the part of Egypt.

4. U Thant arrived in Cairo this morning, after stopping for breakfast in Paris.

5. There is no further information available on the British freighter reported to be in the Red Sea last night and possibly heading for the Gulf of Aqaba. Its ultimate destination is Hamburg and Antwerp. Several potential southbound ships are believed to be in Eilat port.

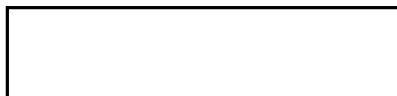
6. There have been no significant military developments in the past six hours.



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7. An anti-US rally is being held near the US Embassy in Cairo. This crowd could get out of control.

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